

Frequently Asked Ouestions about Expiration of Federal Extensions and Extended Benefits

According to federal law, the five federally funded extensions of unemployment (EEUC and EB) expire on November 30, 2010. Below are answers to some of the most common questions.

What does it mean when people refer to "tiers" or different extensions of unemployment?

There are currently six unemployment tiers:

Regular State Unemployment (UI) provides up to 26 weeks of benefits

Federal Extension Tier #1 (EEUC) provides up to 20 weeks of benefits

Federal Extension Tier #2 (EEUC) provides up to 14 weeks of benefits

Federal Extension Tier #3 (EEUC) provides up to 13 weeks of benefits

Federal Extension Tier #4 (EEUC) provides up to 6 weeks of benefits

Extended Benefits (EB) provides up to 20 weeks of benefits

What happens to Hoosiers on unemployment when the federal extensions expire?

Eligible individuals will receive benefits for the weeks they have remaining on their Regular State Unemployment (UI) and the four federal extensions (EEUC), but will not begin the next tier of benefits after November 30, 2010. All Extended Benefit (EB) payments will end on Sunday, December 12, 2010.

What about the \$25 weekly federal additional payment?

The \$25 weekly federal additional payment will end on Sunday, December 19, 2010.

How can a person figure out how many weeks of benefits they have remaining?

Hoosiers can figure out their remaining benefits on their Uplink homepage. Look at the line that contains information associated with the current tier of benefits (UI, EEUC or EB). Follow that line to the right and look for the Maximum Benefit, Paid-to-Date and Weekly Benefit. Subtract the Paid-to-Date from the Maximum Benefit. Divide that number by the Weekly Benefit. This will tell you the number of weeks of benefits remaining, if you receive the maximum each week. All Extended Benefit (EB) payments will end on Sunday, December 12, 2010 even if there are remaining benefits. (See the link, "Calculate Remaining Weeks of Benefits" on DWD's website, www.in.gov/dwd for a more detailed explanation.)

How can a person tell if they have exhausted benefits?

Hoosiers should visit their Uplink homepage. Look at the line that contains information associated with the current tier of benefits, (UI, EEUC or EB). Follow that line to the right and look for the Maximum Benefit and Paid-to-Date. When those two numbers are the same, after November 30, 2010, benefits are exhausted. If all benefits are exhausted no new vouchers will appear on your Uplink homepage.

When will Hoosiers begin to exhaust benefits due to the federal extensions expiring?

Sunday, December 5, 2010 will be the first day a new voucher will not appear for those who have exhausted all benefits on their current tier. According to federal law, all Extended Benefit (EB) payments will end on Sunday, December 12, 2010 even if there are remaining benefits.

Why are people on Extended Benefits (EB) not able to receive remaining benefit money?

Federal law does not provide a phase out of Extended Benefits (EB). All Extended Benefit (EB) payments will end on Sunday, December 12, 2010 even if there are remaining benefits.